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In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in conjunction with the application filed on  
February 12, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, lines 5-7, please replace paragraph 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

*SWB*  
*Q1B* ~~This application claims the benefit of provisional application Serial No. 60/181,929 filed  
February 11, 2000 and of provisional application Serial No. 60/211,183 filed June 13, 2000, which  
claims priority of PCT/US01/04339 filed February 12, 2001.~~